

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Michael C. Hopkins

Application No.: 10/785,609

Filed: February 23, 2004

For: RADIO-FREQUENCY DIGITAL/ANALOG CONVERTER SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group No.: 2819

Examiner: Jeanglaude, J.

**Commissioner for Patents**

**P.O. Box 1450**

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW**

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT**

2. The last known mailing address of the inventor is:

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USA

**BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c) § (1) (iv).

Explanation (including brief description of exhibits, if any):

After numerous attempts to contact the client regarding the upcoming patent maintenance fee, the client has been unresponsive and/or unable to provide us with payment instructions. Letters were mailed to the client on December 2, 2008, April 23, 2009, and June 17, 2009. The certified letter dated June 17, 2009 was returned to our office unopened. E-mails sent to the client dated May 11, 2009 and June 17, 2009 went un-responded to, or bounced back as undeliverable. Further, phone calls and messages left for the client on June 17, 2009 and June 24, 2009 went unreturned. On July 9, 2009 a paralegal from our office spoke to Mr. Hopkins and informed him of the upcoming deadline and the fees involved. He was unable to provide instructions, at such time.

## ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

### 4. Status of this Application

#### A. Response due

(i) There is an outstanding term for response that is set to expire on August 17, 2009. The above term is extendible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), until August 17, 2009 and the fees for such extension are not being submitted herewith.

#### B. Time Left for Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response, including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), is at least One month and 2 days.

## NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

## SIGNATURES OF WITHDRAWING PRACTITIONERS

6. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing)

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July 15, 2009

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Via Certified Mail  
w/ return receipt

Re: Withdrawal of Power of Attorney

Dear Michael:

Because of the lack of response to our recent correspondence we have filed a Request for Withdrawal of Power of Attorney paperwork with the Patent and Trademark Office for the following application:

Application No.  
10/785,609

Group Art Unit  
2819

Date of Withdrawal  
submitted 07/15/2009

A copy of such paperwork is enclosed for your records.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,  
Zilka-Kotab, PC

/KEVINZILKA/

Kevin J. Zilka

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Enclosure